WANTED! - A FEW GOOD MEN!

(A call for volunteers in the army of the Lord!)

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'Be strong, and quit yourselves like men. Quit yourselves like men, and fight," (1 Samuel 4:9).

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith: Quit ye like men, be strong!" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

There is a theme today which seems to be growing in popularity among all classes of people. It can be seen in the movies, on TV, in children's toys, in sports and on the media in general. This theme is: "the world belongs to the strong!" It is a new variation of the old theme which said: "might makes right!" Under this theme, the United States Government has made itself the policeman of the world and by interfering in the affairs of other states, we have earned the enmity of most of the world. Where we were once loved, or at least admired, we are now hated!

We folks in the Christian Identity Movement have been infected with this "macho" thinking too. If we only have enough firearms and ammunition; if we could only control the media, then we would be in the driver's seat and things would be run right in our Government.

We "ooh" and "aah" over the brilliant achievements of mankind; at the brilliance of high-powered executives, at mighty muscles. "If only we were stronger, we could win this war," we say.

But unfortunately, God isn't impressed by the things which impress mankind and a surprising number of professing Christians, including a large number in the Christian Identity Movement are being misled by the enemy into trying to prove to the world that we aren't a bunch of "feeble-minded sissies. 'We're tough! y'know!"

Some of our Identity people have gone to the extremes of trying to prove this by parading around in camouflage suits, carrying their pretty guns, as though these things were the mark of "warriors for Jesus Christ." In doing this, we have set ourselves up as "extremists, a danger to all others who do not believe as we do." This is stupid! Wars are not won by parades, and loud words of braggadocio. They are not won by telling others how brave we are. That is why I am a firm believer in "Walk softly; but carry a big stick!" In other words: "Don't go around bragging how you are going to beat up on the minorities, and the Jews; don't shout your hatred of others from the housetop and tell how you are going to eliminate them." Instead be prepared! Be ready for the battle, but don't brag about it.

There is an old saying that is true here: "Let not he brag who puts on his armor, as he that taketh it off." In other words, do your bragging after the fight, not before. Nine times out of ten, if you wait until then, you will have to admit that it was not your own strength or brilliance that won the day, but the leadership of our Supreme Commander,

Jesus the Christ!

Today, everywhere, men and women are urged to affirm their strengths and ignore their weaknesses and failures. But as Christians try and prove to the world how brilliant and successful we are, we affirm the world's erroneous idea that "big and strong" is good, no matter what goes with it.

Why is it that Christians want to be impressive in the eyes of the world, when Jesus said that if the world loved us, we were not one of His? The Bible teaches us that: "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty." (I Cor. 1:27).

Most of us have seen paintings of the Bible hero, Samson. They depict him as a giant of a man with bulging muscles - a power house of strength. But there is something wrong with this concept, since it isn't Scriptural. The Bible tells us that the Philistines could not figure out where Samson's strength came from. This indicates to me that he was a man of normal physique. Judges 14:19 tells us the source of his strength when "the Spirit of the Lord came upon him." He was an ordinary man until he allowed God to use him.

There are many areas of strength that Christians should desire. Being confident that our decisions are correct and are being made in accordance with God's will is one of them! Being able to resist temptations; courage to do God's will, even when it earns the contempt of men. These are all worthwhile areas of strength we should yearn for and desire.

But we make a grave mistake in our thinking, when we ignore our weaknesses. You see, the big difference comes in whether we rely on our earthly resources, or on the "Spirit of the Lord." Now don't get me wrong. I believe God wants Christian to prepare for the days of trial which lie ahead. He wants us to take care of our own people. His own teachings indicate this. In Luke 22, we find Him discussing the Kingdom efforts with His disciples. He reminds them of the days when He sent them out without any resources to preach the Kingdom message and when He asked: "Did you need anything?" They were able to reply: "No, Lord! we needed nothing." But then in verse 36 he makes a very significant remark which most Christian preachers have completely ignored. He said "But now!" What does that statement indicate? It indicates a change. It is saying: "Once I told you to go out without any preparation, but a change has taken place and now if you don't have a means of protection, get one, even if it means selling your garments to obtain it!"

Then in 1 Timothy 5:8, the Apostle Paul gives a further Christian precept when he states: "Take care of your own; especially your own family. Give them food, clothing, shelter, protect them. For he who will not do these things is worse than an infidel." (This is a paraphrase of this verse - ED.)

Just as God spoke to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9 and said: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness," so He speaks to His people today.

When Jesus ate the Last Passover meal with His followers in that upper room, He told them about His coming trial and execution. He knew their hearts, so He told how they would abandon Him in His hour of greatest need. Peter, the strong one of the group; the one who always had an answer for anything said: "Not me Lord! No matter what all the others do, I am ready to die with you!" Then Jesus said: "Tonight you will deny me

three times," (Matthew 26:35). It's interesting to note that all the disciples said the same thing.

Did they fail the test? They failed even before the test! They could not even stay awake while Jesus prayed in the garden and when the enemy arrived, they were already a whipped crew. I know how Peter whipped out his sword and took a swipe at one of the enemy, but this was his last show of braggadoccio; from this point on, he went to pieces!

I knew a man recently who was obsessed with his own strength. His name was Randall Rader. He was in charge of the military training of the C.S.A. (the Cross, the Sword, and the Arm of the Lord). He told me: "I'll never surrender! If the government messes with us, we will give them a chance to surrender before we wipe them out! He loved to strut around in his camouflage uniform, with a pistol strapped on his waist and a Mini-14 slung over his shoulder. He was the very picture of a brave man! Then he became involved with the ORDER in Washington and when that group "blew up," he was the first man to fold under government pressure. He cooperated so thoroughly with those he had once called his enemy, that he is now out on parole, while his comrades are serving long prison sentences. Right or wrong. His physical strength meant nothing when the "chips were down."

The Lord has told us in Jeremiah 17:5: "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength." This is one of the biggest weaknesses of the Identity Movement. Too many of us believe that our strength is in our armament and in our physical courage. We put our trust in man.

Recently when I saw a trend within the Movement to deify and glorify Adolf Hitler, I wrote a small tract titled THE HITLER CULT! It was a warning to our people not to put their trust in man, but in God. It has drawn all sorts of incredible flack and insults. I have even been accused of being an agent for the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. But whether you want to accept it or not. Our strength will not come through our own right arm.

Psalm 33:16-17 tells us that "The king is not saved by a mighty army; a warrior is not delivered by great strength." In Habbakuk 1:11 we read: "But they will be held guilty, they whose strength is their god." Some men in the Identity Movement have defied themselves by believing they can be successful in their own strength.

The simple fact is that all men in themselves are weaklings. I had one member of the Nazi Party, who disagreed with my tract on Hitler, who bragged about the street battles he had been in and how he had beaten up on Jews. He thought this made him a man! He even challenged me to meet him in the boxing ring, to prove that he was right and I was wrong. (He's about 40 years my junior - ED). We may not want to admit our weaknesses, but we have them nevertheless. Jesus told His followers - His people in John 15:5 - "Without me, ye can do nothing." We better remember this! Without Christ as our Commander-in-Chief we are a whipped people, a defeated nation.

It doesn't matter how pure your Israelite blood may be. It will be worthless to you in the day of testing, if you are not on the side of the King. This means you MUST have a personal relationship with Him. The Bible refers to this as being "born again." I know that many of us don't like that term, because it has been so terribly misused in the Fundamental Christian world; but it's a good Scriptural term. Jesus used it one day when

he spoke to a pure blooded Israelite named Nicodemus, who asked Him how he could get into the Kingdom of God. Jesus said: "Nicodemus, if you ever want to see the Kingdom of God, ye must be born again," (John 3:3).

Is this some mystical formula? Some churches have made it so! There is no magic in it at all. It is simplicity itself. First you cannot obtain it unless you are called by the Spirit of God. The Bible clearly teaches this. Then when this call comes, you must first recognize yourself as a rebel against God, one who has deliberately broken His laws. So your first step must be to seek His forgiveness. When He graciously forgives you, you then pledge "fealty" to Him as your liege Lord. In essence you pledge: "You are my Lord from this day forward; your laws are my laws; I will be true to you unto death!" When you have done this, then the Holy Spirit changes your nature and you become a "child of God" and an Israelite ready for the Kingdom.

There are many times when it seems as though the odds are stacked against us. The enemy has the power, the money, the media, even the support of most of the so-called Christian churches, the Judeo-Christian churches. What do we have left?

So we turn in our Bibles to Judges 6 and 7 and read the inspiring story about a man named Gideon. Gideon was a modest man, he described himself as "the youngest member of the least family in the land." Yet it was this modest farmer, that God called to lead His people Israel out of bondage to the Midianites.

As the Midianites gathered their army of 135,000 men against this upstart, he was able to raise only 35,000 ill-armed men, they were outnumbered four to one. But God told him: "Gideon, your force is too large. If you defeat the enemy, the men will say, look what we did! Get rid of all those who are afraid." So when Gideon announced that all the fearful could leave, 22,000 left, leaving him with an army outnumbered 13 to one. Again God said: "They are too many!" You remember how he tested the men and how he set aside 300 disciplined men to handle a task that 32,000 could not handle. With these 300 disciplined men, God won a great victory without ever using a e coon.

What a lesson for modern Israel as we stand with our backs to the wall, surrounded by an enemy who means to destroy us, with limited means. We can't see how we can win and many of us are determined to die if necessary, rather than live as slaves. But God says: "A few dedicated men is all I need. Be prepared, then put your trust in me and I will give you the victory." Some of us will undoubtedly die in the coming conflict, but we can die with this knowledge, we are going to win, because our God has promised this. If we are willing to do things His way. And when the smoke of the battle clears away, our Israel people, and the enemy too, will know without the shadow of a doubt, that we did not win the victory because of our superior might; we did not win because of our superior bravery or military strategy; we won it in the "strength of the Lord."

This is why God often has to "whittle us down" to the point where we depend on Him rather than on ourselves. He wants us to put our trust in Him alone. There is no reason for us to brag about our strength, since our "power is perfected in our weakness."

This doesn't mean that God's people should not prepare for the coming conflict, as some teach. Some say that if you prepare it's a sign you have lost your faith in God. Not so! Noah did not labor for 120 years, building a boat and listening to the jeers of the world, because he wanted to take his family on a vacation cruise. He built the ark because he had faith in God and God used it for the salvation of His people. Joseph didn't Store up

grain in Egypt for seven years, so that he could sell it to Egypt's enemies, as our country does; he did it for the protection of God's people. Folks, we are headed for the "show down battle of the world." Our people are not going to be Raptured out of the mess they are at least partially responsible for, to some big "party in the sky," while the world goes through hell on earth. But never ever allow yourself to be deluded into believing that you are strong enough in your own strength to handle anything that comes along. Brother, sister, if you do, you are riding for a shocking fall!

It is when we admit to ourselves and our fellow men and most of all to God, that we are unable to conquer the enemy in our own strength, that God will step in with the miraculous. "Trust in God with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5).

True humility doesn't mean going around telling how dumb we are and how we can't do anything right! This is stupidity! Yet I've seen some Christians, Identity Christians who do this and believe it's humility. To me it's nauseating! True humility consists in knowing our own weaknesses, in admitting them and then standing before Almighty God YAHWEH, while we put on His strength instead of oand wn. It's then, that His awesome power can go into effect for His people.

When we admit our weaknesses we don't have to put on a show for the world. This is a family matter. We don't have to go out and show how tough we are. I have found this is almost always a facade for cowardice. When we admit our weaknesses to Him and are willing to put on His strength and lean on Him for our guidance and understanding, then we will see evidence of His wisdom and power, and the truth of Isaiah 54:17 will become evident: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD." (Emphasis added.)

God has given His people this direct order, as found in Jeremiah 9:23, 24 - "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me (God), that I am the Lord which exerciseth lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

In the 11th Chapter of the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament, we find the exciting account of men and women who were Christian heroes. They did extraordinary things, because they put their trust in YAHWEH God. Verses 33 and 34 tell us that because of their "faith," they "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions; quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, Out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."

Remember, our Master, Jesus the Christ was not some "muscle bound" giant. He was depicted as a "lamb," pierced for our sins.

But do not underestimate this "meekness." For one day soon, He will return and the world will see Him and His wrath, the "anger of the Lamb," (Revelation 6:16). In that day He will return as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords, to take His rightful place as the ruler of this universe.

So as a final admonition for those of you who look for His return: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the WHOLE ARMOR of God**..."** You see, my Christian friend, your task is to be a "soldier" in the front lines of the battle. You are not to be a FOXHOLE DWELLER!

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